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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

Fur Farm, Game Bird Farm, Zoo/Menagerie, Shooting Preserve

PART 1. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

Project Title: Robert Taylor Fur Farm

Application Date: June 30, 2003

Name, Address and Phone Number: 495 Georgetown Lake Road, Anaconda, MT 406-563-8202

Description of Project: This project is an application for a commercial fur farm for the purpose of raising and selling bobcats and bobcat kittens to the general public. The facility is located approximately 20 miles from Anaconda down a private lane on Georgetown Lake. The private lane is Gun Smoke trail located on the east side of Georgetown Lake.

The animals will be housed in a 12'x 24'x 10' enclosure. The enclosure will be divided into two equal pens of 12'x 12'. The enclosure will be adjacent to the owner's residence. The enclosure is a galvanized welded wire fence with a concrete footer around the bottom to prevent animals from ingress or egress.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: Deer Lodge county commissioner's, United States Department of Agriculture.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Table 1. Potential impact on physical environment.

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Unique, endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources.				X		
2. Terrestrial or aquatic life and/or habitats.				X		
3. Introduction of new species into an area.				X		
4. Vegetation covers, quantity and quality.				X		
5. Water quality, quantity and distribution (surface or groundwater)				X		
6. Existing water right or reservation.				X		
7. Geology and soil quality, stability and moisture.				X		
8. Air quality or objectionable odors.			X			
9. Historical and archaeological sites.				X		
10. Demands on environmental resources of land, water, air and energy.				X		
11. Aesthetics				X		

Comments :

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

8) There could be an increase in smell of bobcat urine and feces dependent on the waste management practice employed by the Taylor's.

Table 2. Potential impacts on human environment:

Will the proposed action result in potential impacts to:	Unknown	Potentially Significant	Minor	None	Can Be Mitigated	Comments Below Or On Attached Pages
1. Social structures and cultural diversity.				X		
2. Changes in existing public benefits provided by wildlife populations and/or habitat.				X		
3. Local and state tax base and tax revenue.				X		
4. Agricultural production.				X		
5. Human health.			X			
6. Quantity and distribution of community and person income.				X		
7. Access to and quality of recreational activities.				X		
8. Locally adopted environmental plans and goals (ordinances).				X		
9. Distribution and density of population and housing.				X		
10. Demands for government services.			X			
11. Industrial and/or commercial activity.				X		

Comments :

(A description of potentially significant or unknown impacts and potential alternatives for mitigation must be provided.)

5) The risk of injury to the public is minor due to the primary enclosure.

10) Increase in demand for service by FWP due to license review and inspection.

Does the proposed action involve potential risks or adverse effects, which are uncertain but extremely harmful, if they were to occur? There are no potential or adverse effects that would pose any significant impact on the environment. No, there are no known risk factors or potential risk factor associated with this project.

Does the proposed action have impacts that are individually minor, but cumulatively significant or potentially significant? None, there are no impacts associated with this project that taken collectively will have a significant or potentially significant impact.

Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action when alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider. Include a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:

1. No action alternative. Under the no action alternative the facility would not be licensed
2. Preferred Alternative: The facility granted a license to raise bobcats commercially.

List proposed mitigate measures (stipulations) for license: None

Individuals or groups contributing to, or commenting on this EA:

EA prepared by: DOUGLAS E. JOHNSON

Date completed: June 16, 2003

PART 3. DECISION

Recommendation and justification concerning preparation of IS:

No EIS is needed for this project.

Describe public involvement, if any:

This EA has been posted on the state web site making it available for public comment from July 16, 2003 to July 28, 2003 as required by department guidelines. Comments may be e-mailed to Warden Doug Johnson at djohnson@cybernet1.com or mailed to the attention of Sharon Rose at FWP Region 2, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, Montana 59804.

Recommendation for license approval:

License approved

Wildlife Manager

Date

Warden Captain

Date